

# Easter Events



## Traditions and symbols of Easter

As with almost all "Christian" holidays, Easter has been secularized and commercialized. The dichotomous nature of Easter and its symbols, however, is not necessarily a modern fabrication. Since its conception as a holy celebration in the second century, Easter has had its non-religious side. In fact, Easter was originally a pagan festival. The ancient Saxons celebrated the return of spring with an uproarious festival commemorating their goddess of offspring and of springtime, Eastre. When the second-century Christian missionaries encountered the tribes of the north with their pagan celebrations, they attempted to convert them to Christianity. They did so, however, in a clandestine manner. It would have been suicide for the very early Christian converts to celebrate their holy days with observances that did not coincide with celebrations that already existed. To save lives, the missionaries cleverly decided to spread their religious message slowly throughout the populations by allowing them to continue to celebrate pagan feasts, but to do so in a Christian manner. As it happened, the pagan festival of Eastre occurred at the same time of year as the Christian observance of the Resurrection of Christ. It made sense, therefore, to alter the festival itself, to make it a Christian celebration as converts were slowly won over. The early name, Eastre, was eventually changed to its modern spelling, Easter.

## Easter Sunrise Service

The Pearl Harbor Memorial Chapel will host the annual Easter Sunrise Service onboard the Battleship Missouri Memorial at 6 a.m. April 11. The service is open to all active duty and retired military members and their families, DoD civilian employees and sponsored guests. Parking will be available near Fox 5 pier on Ford Island; the Missouri's trolley service will not be used. For safety purposes, guests should wear comfortable shoes and dress appropriately for climbing onboard the Missouri. No purses, handbags, backpacks, camera bags, diaper bags, or other items that offer concealment will be allowed on the Missouri. For more information and to volunteer contact the chaplain's office at 473-3971.

## Easter Egg Party

Celebrate the season at Community Central's free Easter party. The Camp Stover Association and MWR are co-sponsoring an "eggs-traordinary" time at the Community Center building from 1 - 5 p.m. April 10. The Easter celebrations include Easter egg hunts, face painting, balloonists, arts and crafts and light refreshments, aimed for children and those young at heart. For more information call 473-2569.

## Pictures with the Easter Bunny

Parents can bring their children for a keepsake photo session with the Easter Bunny at the Navy Exchange Rotunda. Photo times are 4-8 p.m. on Fridays and noon-6 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays through April 9.

## Easter Sunday Brunch

Enjoy an Easter Sunday brunch at The Banyans on April 11. The Banyans is all decked out for Spring ... just in time to celebrate and enjoy this special occasion with family and friends. The buffet includes a selection of traditional and local favorites, including fried chicken, mahi-mahi, pork ribs, carved meats, salads, fruits, assorted gourmet desserts and more. Reservations will be taken for 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. brunch. The price is \$16.95 for adults; \$8.95 for ages six to 11; \$1 per year for ages five and under. Reservations are required. For more information call the Banyans at 473-1815.

## The Easter Bunny

The Easter Bunny is not a modern invention. The symbol originated with the pagan festival of Eastre. The goddess, Eastre, was worshipped by the Anglo-Saxons through her earthly symbol, the rabbit. The Germans brought the symbol of the Easter rabbit to America. It was widely ignored by other Christians until shortly after the Civil War. In fact, Easter itself was not widely celebrated in America until after that time.

## Easter Eggs

As with the Easter Bunny and the holiday itself, the Easter egg predates the Christian holiday of Easter. The exchange of eggs in the springtime is a custom that was centuries old when Easter was first celebrated by Christians. From the earliest times, the egg was a symbol of rebirth in most cultures. Eggs were often wrapped in gold leaf or, if you were a peasant, colored brightly by boiling them with the leaves or petals of certain flowers. Today, children hunt colored eggs and place them in Easter baskets along with the modern version of real Easter eggs - those made of plastic or chocolate candy. Copyright © 2003 by Jerry Wilson. Used with permission.



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Children participate in the military housing area Hale Moku's Easter egg hunt March 28.



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A Navy family member works on an Easter decoration during the activities prior to the Hale Moku Easter egg hunt March 28.



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Commentary

# Focus on Fun

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## It's lonely at the top ...

I'm not the smartest person alive. That may come as a shock to some of you – that is to actually see me admit that in print, but I know it's true. I'm not the smartest person around. However, I do have a vast repository of useless information in my personal memory banks that I can draw from at opportune moments.

Those are moments like when I was at the Game Show, hosted by Liberty in Paradise at the Beeman Center.

For those of you who have not availed yourselves of the opportunity to participate, the game show is very simple. You go up on stage and sit at one of three little consoles. The only control you'll have to work is a button. A host, or hostess, will ask a question and play a hint and you buzz in with the correct answer. If you're right, you get 30 points. If you're wrong, you lose 20 points.

If you get the answer right, you'll be greeted with applause from the audience and a cool little sound clip from the host. If you're wrong, you'll get a buzz or a raspberry sound clip along with the 20-point deduction. On the plus side, you can't get negative points. You can only go back to zero.

Simple, right?

Well, the questions have to do with pop culture from the 1950s to the turn of the century. If you can remember things like the Addams Family theme, who the nemesis of the Dukes of Hazzard was, and the name of the comedian who did Buckwheat on Saturday Night Live, then you have a pretty good chance of coming away with some MWR prizes.

I took my chances and went through three rounds of the game show without being beaten. Actually, that's probably a bit too mild. To use a phrase from American Beauty, "I rule!"

In my closest game, my nearest competition had about 200 points and I was out in the 600-plus point range. Like I said, it's a repository of absolutely useless information that I can command at opportune times. Or, it may be a youth wasted on watching tele-

vision and listening to the radio. Either way, I went home that Wednesday night with two clocks, a koozie, a really cool Swiss-Army-type key chain and the enmity of other players there.

I received several playful threats of violence. I will stress and re-emphasize that they were all in good fun. My competition, while annoyed by my winning streak, did not ever actually intend to hurt me. I say that for anyone out there who may be feeling a litigious streak or feel I should press any charges against someone who tells me, "I'm going to cut your hand off so you can't buzz in anymore." That person was laughing the whole time and I never felt threatened.

Actually, I never felt threatened the whole time I was up on stage. With everything I knew about classic TV and music, I was basically unstoppable. I'll have to go again sometime to see if there are any challengers on base.

Liberty in Paradise runs the Game Show every second and fourth Wednesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. Prizes are given to contestants right after the game. There's no waiting around and no heavy-duty tax forms to fill out like those television game shows. It's all about having fun.

You go up, play your round and walk away with your prize. There's no high-pressure Regis Philbin-type host egging you on. Actually, the hardest part was trying to keep the crowd from yelling out the answers. For anyone who was doing that, remember that it's un-sportsmanlike to give answers. If you want to play the game, wait your turn.

Like I said, I'll have to try the game again. I really dig the gear clock I got and I'd like to try and win a matching one to go on my desk at work. Let me know if you want to come out and give me a run for my money. I like losing to a worthy challenger.

Next time, I'll tell you about the time I beat The Rock in a thumb wrestling match, but that's another story...

## Navy 'taxi' program catches on

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Staff Writer

Naval Station Pearl Harbor now provides a taxi service to Sailors in case of an emergency.

The service resembles programs already being used by some ships and shore commands in that it provides a card to each Sailor in the command. The Sailor can then use the card around the island in case of an emergency or circumstances that require transportation.

"I don't care what you use it for," said Command Master Chief (SW) David LaJoie, Naval Station Pearl Harbor. "All we need to know is that you pay your bill at the end of the month."

The "taxi" card has the Sailor's division and a serial number on it, said Store Keeper 2nd Class (SW) Gregory Hollowell. Sailors can then give that number to "The Cab" company, which allows the person to remain virtually anonymous except to the person who is in charge of reimbursements. The Sailor then has 10 days or un-

til the next payday to refund the command.

Sailors must specify to "The Cab" company when they make the call that they are part of the program so that the company can send a driver who has access to the base, said LaJoie.

The program aims to provide a safety net for Sailors while teaching them accountability and core values. Sailors can use the card if their car breaks down, if they need to get somewhere but don't have transportation, or if they are in a situation where they don't want to drink and drive, said Hollowell.

The command has Sailors sign a page 13, making them responsible for paying back any money that they owe from using the service.

"The page 13 just basically stipulates that [the Sailor] can use this card, I understand the use of the card and I am still responsible to pay for that cab," said LaJoie.

Both LaJoie and Hollowell said the program will help Sailors get to work in the event of an emergency or help them stay safe, and that's a good thing.

## Great Life Hawai'i photo of the week



Photo of ITC Jim Crewse with his family in Waikiki.

Morale, Welfare and Recreation is offering the "Great Life Hawai'i Photo Contest," so dust off the photo albums and pick the photo that best represents what makes being stationed in Hawai'i so memorable. Submit unpublished photographs (no smaller than five by seven inches at 200 DPI) to "hnn@honoluluadvertiser.com." All photographs submitted will become the property of the paper and MWR, which reserves the right to edit, copyright and publish submissions. There is no entry fee, but there is a limit of one entry per family. Weekly photo winners will be showcased both in Hawai'i Navy News and on the MWR website "www.greatlifehawaii.com." Every quarter, a winner will be selected from the weekly winners to receive a special gift package from MWR. This contest is open to amateur photographers only, who must be at least 18 years of age.



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## Movie Call

Sharkey Theater, Pearl Harbor  
(473-0726)

7:00 p.m.	<b>FRIDAY</b> Miracle (PG)
2:30 p.m.	<b>SATURDAY</b> Confession of a Teenage Drama Queen (PG)
4:30 p.m.	The Big Bounce (PG 13)
6:30 p.m.	Eurotrip (R)
2:30 p.m.	<b>SUNDAY</b> Welcome Too Mooseport (PG 13)
4:30 p.m.	The Cooler(R)
7:00 p.m.	You Got Served (PG 13)
7:00 p.m.	<b>THURSDAY</b> Against the Ropes (PG 13)

\$3 adults; \$1.50 children (6-11)  
\*Special: \$2 adults; \$1 children (6 -11)

Memorial Theater, Hickam AFB  
(449-2239)

7:00 p.m.	<b>FRIDAY</b> <i>Closed</i>
7:00 p.m.	<b>SATURDAY</b> 50 First Dates (PG 13)
2:00 p.m.	<b>SUNDAY</b> Welcome Too Mooseport (PG 13)
7:00 p.m.	<b>WEDNESDAY</b> Welcome Too Mooseport (PG 13)
7:00 p.m.	<b>THURSDAY</b> Broken Lizard Club Dread (R)

\$3 adults; \$1.50 children (6-11)  
\*Special: \$2 adults; \$1 children (6 -11)

Sgt. Smith Theater,  
Schofield Barracks  
(624-2585)

7:00 p.m.	<b>FRIDAY, SATURDAY AND SUNDAY</b> Miracle (PG)
7:00 p.m.	<b>WEDNESDAY</b> Against the Ropes (PG 13)
7:00 p.m.	<b>THURSDAY</b> Against the Ropes (PG 13)

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Editor's note: Every effort has been made to provide the most up-to-date information at the time of publication. However, scheduling of these events is subject to change. It is recommended that you call the contact numbers for the individual events to determine whether or not the activity will be held.

### BAND 24/7 - FREE CONCERT

Band 24/7 will present a free concert for single Sailors from 6-9 p.m. tonight at Arizona Hall. Band 24/7 offers a variety of music, from "old school" to "top forties." The event will include free barbecue and prize giveaways. For more information call 473-4279.

### NINE-PIN NO-TAP BOWLING

A nine-pin, no-tap bowling tournament is held the first Saturday of each month at Naval Station Bowling Center. The next tournament is scheduled for April 3. Check-in is at 6:30 p.m. and the action begins at 7 p.m. The entry fee is \$20 per person, per tournament. For more information call 473-2574.

### MASTERS FANTASY GOLF

The 68th Masters Tournament is scheduled for the Augusta National Golf Club April 5-11, 2004. Enjoy the excitement of golfing's most prestigious event here at the Navy-Marine Golf Course. Golfers can create a fantasy "team" by picking a combination of three competing Masters professionals. The entry with the lowest "team" score wins a selection of gifts. Entries must be submitted April 3-7 at the Navy-Marine pro shop. The fee is \$2 per entry. For more information call 471-0142.

### APRIL FOOL'S SKATEBOARDING

The Boards & Blades Skate Park will host an April Fool's skateboard

contest April 3. The event will offer live music and prizes. Divisions are: Open military (active duty), age 18 and under, 17-14, 13 and under. Register at Boards & Blades Skate Park; the registration fee is \$10. The time of the event is yet to be announced. For more information call 473-3295.

### KEIKI SWIM LESSONS

Registration is now ongoing for swimming lessons for children ages six and older. Registration locations are at Kona Breeze, Scott, NCTAMS and Arizona pools. Classes begin April 3 and April 6; class times vary. For more information call 473-0394 or 474-5149.

### ANNUAL FORD ISLAND BRIDGE RUN

Late registration will be taken for the seventh annual Ford Island Bridge Run, scheduled for April 10. Late entries are \$25 and will be accepted until April 8. Applications are available at all military gyms and fitness centers or on the MWR website at [www.greatlifehawaii.com](http://www.greatlifehawaii.com). For more information call 473-2494 or 473-2437.

### SPRING BREAK PARTY

The Country Bar at Club Pearl will host a spring break beach party April 8. There will be games and prizes. For more information call 473-1743.

### EGGS-TRAORDINARY EASTER PARTY

Community Central is planning free "eggs-traordinary" Easter party. Enjoy Easter egg hunts, face painting, balloonists, arts and crafts, and light refreshments April 10: The Camp Stover Association and MWR will co-sponsor the party from 1-5 p.m. For more information call 473-2569.

### EASTER BRUNCH

The Banyans will offer Easter brunch from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. April 11.

The Easter buffet includes a selection of traditional and local favorites, including fried chicken, mahi-mahi, pork ribs, carved meats, salads, fruits, assorted gourmet desserts and more. Reservations are required. The costs are as follows: \$16.95 for adults, \$8.95 for ages six -11, and \$1 per year for ages five and under. To make reservations or for more information call 473-3971.

### VOLUNTEER COACHES NEEDED

Boys & Girls Clubs of Navy Hawai'i is looking for volunteer coaches and officials in a variety of sports and cheerleading. As soccer season approaches, attention has turned to recruiting volunteer soccer coaches. If you have a few hours to spare for a good cause, call the youth sports office at 474-3501.

### LEISURE TRAVEL / TLA TRAVEL

Planning a trip? Travel Connections, the new travel office located in Bloch Arena can assist with worldwide airline ticketing, hotel accommodations, vacation packages and on-island TLA. For TLA, the travel office will arrange accommodations in one of a host of on-island hotels that offer lodging to fit many needs – all priced within TLA allowances. Those who book TLA through Travel Connections travel office will have the use of a free rental car during their TLA stay. Stop by throughout the month of March and enter the raffle for a DVD player. There is no cost to enter and you need not be present to win. The winning ticket will be drawn March 31. For more information call 422-0139.

### CDH CHILDCARE PROVIDER

Become a Child Development Homes (CDH) childcare provider for military

families. The deadline to apply for the next class is today. Participants must be 18 years or older, read and write English, and live in Navy family housing. Potential providers must attend an initial training class for a license to operate a childcare business. Those interested should apply at the CDH office in building 4 at the corner of Nimitz Highway and Camp Catlin Road between 8 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. Monday-Friday. Or visit the MWR Website at [www.greatlifehawaii.com](http://www.greatlifehawaii.com) for an application. For more information call 471-8444.

### CALLING ALL KINGPINS

Check out the bowling events at Naval Station Bowling Center. Regularly held activities include:

- Active duty patrons bowl free from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. every Monday.
- Kids bowl free (one per paying adult) starting from 6 to 10 p.m. every Monday evening.
- Pick-a-price Tuesdays are from 10:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Bowlers can try their luck and pick the price for games from 50 cents to \$1.50. For more information call 473-2651.



### Weekly events:

**Sunday and Thursday:** Movie and popcorn night, 6 p.m., free.  
**Monday:** NFL football and pupus, 6:30 p.m., free.  
**Tuesday:** 8 - Tournament, 7 p.m., free.  
**Wednesday:** Ping Pong Tournament, 6 p.m., free.



**50 First Dates:** Henry, a veterinarian in Hawai'i, falls in love with a girl with short-term memory loss. So he has to keep getting her to fall in love with him every time they meet in order for them to have a relationship, since she never remembers the last time she met him.

**Against the Ropes:** Based on the real-life story of Jackie Kallen, who became a successful boxing manager. Kallen works her way up in the world of boxing by believing in the fighting skills of Luther Shaw, who she believes can be a champion.

**The Big Bounce:** See review

**Broken Lizard Club Dread:** At an anything-goes tropical resort for swingers, a non-stop party takes a turn for the weird when dead bodies start turning up. Everyone begins to look suspicious. Can the inhabitants unite, solve the mystery and restore their happy hour?

**Confession of a Teenage Drama Queen:** When a teenager from Greenwich Village, Lola, is forced to move to a New Jersey suburb, she finds that in her new school, there is another girl, Carla, who already has claim to the title of most popular girl. Aiming to oust Carla from her reign, Lola sets her sights on nabbing the lead role in the next big school play.

**The Cooler:** Bernie Lootz is the unluckiest man in Las Vegas... he's so unlucky, it's contagious. Looking to knock out their highest rollers, one of the last mob-run casinos in town, decides to use Bernie as a "cooler" to defuse their lucky streaks. The scheme goes fine until Bernie falls in love with a cocktail waitress who becomes his "lady luck", much to the chagrin of the casino's crooked director.

**Eurotrip:** When the German pen pal that a high school student has been using to help him get an "A" in German for years suggests that they meet, the boy's reaction is to freak out, thinking that "Mieke" is either a guy or some sort of stalker. But when he discovers that his pen pal is actually a cute "fraulein," he and his best friend fly to Europe in a wacky trip across the continent.

**Miracle:** Based on the true story of the 1980 Winter Olympics at Lake Placid, a former Olympic gold medal winner assembles a U.S. team of underdogs. No one thinks they can make it, as they are up against the undefeated Soviet hockey team.

**Welcome to Mooseport:** A former U.S. president retires to a small New England coastal town to write his memoirs. But his neighbors plead with him to fill the vacant mayoral seat. A local plumber runs against him, setting off a surprisingly competitive campaign.

**You Got Served:** This hip-hop comedy explores the social subculture of street dancing, focusing on a pair of friends, David and Elgin.

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## The Big Bounce

Elmore Leonard has dexterity in his novels and quick-witted characters that makes for a page-turning read; however, adapting his novels to the big screen has proven to be a more difficult task.

"The Big Bounce" joins such movies as "Get Shorty," "Out of Sight" and "Jackie Brown" as the latest adaptation of a Leonard novel directed by George Armitage - who brought us that clever little movie "Grosse Pointe Blank." But this isn't that movie.

Bounce brings us to Hawai'i where we meet Jack Ryan (Owen Wilson), an on-again off-again thief/athlete with quick-witted charm that proves to be the movie's only high point. He lands himself in jail after a baseball bat brawl with his boss, but quickly heads toward trouble again after being released.

The bad guy is Ray Ritchie (Gary Sinise), a supposedly bankrupt developer who is building a massive hotel on culturally-significant Hawaiian land. Nancy Hayes (the stunning Sara Foster) hooks up with Jack in a scam to steal Ray's money. She has the inside scoop because she doubles as Ray's mistress.

The plot meanders and falls flat as new characters are introduced, which includes Morgan Freeman as Walter Crewes (the local judge and hotel owner) and Charlie Sheen as Bob Rogers Jr. (Ray's supposed muscle and lackey).

The audience is led through twists and turns of distrust from every character who seems to have his or her own agenda. What each director of Leonard's novels fails to accomplish is the intricately woven plot lines of the books. Owen Wilson's sometimes-hilarious dialogue proves to be the only transferable element.

The likes of John Travolta, George Clooney and now Owen Wilson have captured the quirky and submissive intelligence of Leonard's characters with ease and charm. However, good acting can't hold together a movie that can't hold together its own story. See "Cast Away."

**OVERALL RATING:** ⬇️⬆️⬆️⬆️⬆️

# Community Calendar

Here's a look at off-duty events happening on Oahu's military bases for service members and their families.

To get your activity or event featured in the Community Calendar, e-mail your requests to the editor at [hnn@honolulu-advertiser.com](mailto:hnn@honolulu-advertiser.com) or fax submissions to Hawai'i Navy News at 473-2876.

Deadline for submissions is Thursday for the following week's issue. Items will run for four consecutive weeks on a space available basis.

## MISCELLANEOUS

### BLOOD DRIVES

- **April 5:** 9 a.m.-noon, U.S. Army Reserves, Kaala Recreation Center, Schofield Barracks.
  - **April 8:** 10 a.m.-1 p.m., U.S. Navy, NSGA-Kunia.
  - **April 12:** 9 a.m.-noon, U.S. Army Reserves, Kaala Recreation Center, Schofield Barracks.
  - **April 14:** 9 a.m.-2 p.m., U.S. Coast Guard, USCG ISC Honolulu, Sand Island.
  - **April 19:** 9 a.m.-noon, U.S. Army Reserves, Kaala Recreation Center, Schofield Barracks.
  - **April 22:** 9 a.m.-noon, U.S. Air Force, Hickam Community Center.
  - **April 26:** 9 a.m.-noon, U.S. Army Reserves, Kaala Recreation Center, Schofield Barracks.
  - **April 28:** 7:30-11:30 a.m., U.S. Navy, Naval Brig, Ford Island.
- For more information, call 433-6148.

### EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE

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tion and to volunteer contact the chaplain's office at 473-3971.

### EARTH DAY

Navy Region Hawai'i is hosting an Earth Day Fair at the NEX April 17 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. The family friendly event includes a coloring contest open to children age 10 and under. Prizes will be awarded to each age group. Pick up contest forms at the NEX. For more information call 473-2888.

### MARDI GRAS – ALOHA STYLE

The Navy Hale Keiki School will hold its 11th annual silent and live auction, "Mardi Gras ~ Aloha Style" from 5-9 p.m. April 17 at the Hickam Officer's Club. Ticket prices are \$15 per person and includes heavy pupus, costumes and live entertainment. This year's proceeds are targeted for classroom computer upgrades and safety upgrades for the school's playground structures. Navy Hale Keiki School, established in 1946, is a private, non-profit organization committed to providing an early childhood education for children in preschool through second grade. While open to both the military and civilian communities, throughout its 56 years the school has traditionally attracted 90 percent of its total enrollment from military families. To make a donation or purchase tickets for the auction contact 227-0954 or [sydneyann1313@aol.com](mailto:sydneyann1313@aol.com). All donations are tax deductible.

### SOCIETY OF AMERICAN MILITARY ENGINEERS SCHOLARSHIP

The Society of American Military Engineers (SAME), Honolulu post, will award a \$1,500 scholarship with a one-year SAME 'young member' membership. Applications must be postmarked by May 10. Information on eligibility and submission requirements can be obtained by calling Commander Bert Diehl, U.S. Coast Guard at 541-2200.

### SHIP/SUBMARINE OHANA

**USS LAKE ERIE OHANA**

- The USS Lake Erie Ohana will hold its annual

keiki Easter egg hunt from 3-5 p.m. April 3 at Ward Field. Potluck sweets and pupus are welcome. For more information, call 454-2440 or email at [jgrawl@aol.com](mailto:jgrawl@aol.com).

- The USS Lake Erie Ohana will hold its monthly meeting at 5:30 p.m. April 8 at the Catlin Community Center. The event will be a potluck; attendees are asked to take their favorite dish. Newcomers are welcome. Childcare will be provided. For more information call 422-1330 or email at [gregoryr002@hawaii.rr.com](mailto:gregoryr002@hawaii.rr.com).

### USS HOPPER OHANA

The USS Hopper Ohana will hold its monthly meeting beginning at 6:30 p.m. April 6 at the fellowship hall of the Pearl Harbor Base Chapel. A guest speaker will discuss financial planning for deployments. The group will also discuss the cookbook, Easter egg hunt and the Mother's Day breakfast. For more information email [hopperohana70@yahoo.com](mailto:hopperohana70@yahoo.com) or call Sabrina at 499-0555.

### USS PAUL HAMILTON FAMILY SUPPORT GROUP

USS Paul Hamilton Family Support Group will meet from 6-8 p.m. April 8 at the Pearl Harbor Chapel. The group will discuss upcoming events. Childcare is available at a cost of \$1 per child. For more information call 454-2085 or email [brunst001@hawaii.rr.com](mailto:brunst001@hawaii.rr.com).

## NEX

### PICTURES WITH THE EASTER BUNNY

Parents can bring their children for a keepsake photo session with the Easter Bunny at the Navy Exchange Rotunda. Photo times are 4-8 p.m. on Fridays and noon-6 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays through April 9.

### MEET THE AUTHOR

Carmen Geshell, author of the popular children's book "Muffin's Makapu'u Adventure," will be at the Navy Exchange from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. April 3. Customers can stop by for an autograph and learn more about Muffin, whose latest adventure finds her at the Makapu'u Lighthouse, attempting to save a boat from hitting a cliff.

### GARDEN CHEMICALS Q&A

What types of chemicals, insecticides and fertilizers should you use in your spring garden? Customers can have their questions answered from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. April 4 when Derek Takahashi from Pacific Agricultural visits the NEX Outdoor Living Center.

### FIT CLINIC

Get the right fit. A certified bra fitter will conduct a bra fit clinic on April 5 at the NEX intimate apparel department. Call 423-3235 or 423-3575 for an appointment.

### KIDS' POT-A-PLANT WORKSHOP

Children can learn to decorate their own pots and plant their own flowers at a free kids' pot-a-plant workshop from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. April 10 at the NEX Outdoor Living Center. Children must be accompanied by a parent.

### BOOK SIGNING

Meet Tracy Price-Thompson, national best-selling author of "Black Coffee, Chocolate Sangria," and her latest, "A Woman's Worth," which tells the story of a family's sacrifice and one man's journey to ensure the safety of his daughter. Ms. Price-Thompson will hold a book-signing from noon-2 p.m. April 16 at the NEX book department.

### GRILL DEMO

Grill demonstrations will be held April 17 and May 15 at the NEX Outdoor Living Center. A Char-Broil Grill representative will be on hand to give a demonstration and answer questions.

## AMERICAN RED CROSS

### RED CROSS NURSING ASSISTANT TRAINING

The American Red Cross at Hickam AFB is currently accepting applications for a free nursing assistant training program. Applicants should be military dependents, over 18 years of age and have a high school diploma. For more information contact the Red Cross office at 808-449-0166 e-mail at [arc@hickam.af.mil](mailto:arc@hickam.af.mil).



# Navy Exchange ‘springs’ into season’s styles

Tricia Conaty  
NEX Marketing

The Navy Exchange Hawai'i welcomed spring last weekend with a fashion show featuring the season's hottest trends in men's, women's and children's clothing and accessories. NEX customers and associates modeled 40 outfits from both designer and NEX labels, lighting up The Mall rotunda with color and style.

"Pink is the hot color for spring," said Lynda Yoshimura, ladies' accessories department manager. "The new looks for women are feminine and soft, with light fabrics and romantic prints." Yoshimura said this season's jewelry is whimsical with lots of movement. "Chandelier earrings, bracelets with charms and beads that move, and semi-precious

stones are in right now," she said.

For men, it's all about contrasting fabrics in dress and casual shirts, diagonal prints, bright colors and extra long sleeves that are worn either bunched or rolled up.

These trends were everywhere as models walked the runway, showcasing women's separates and menswear. Each model wore coordinating shoes and accessories chosen by NEX department managers, who said the new styles match the clothing in color and texture. "Spring handbags are straw and crochet," said Sherie Hisamoto, intimates/handbags manager. "Pink is the hottest color," she continued.

The NEX carries popular brands of handbags in pink suede and leather. Women's shoes are sleek, sophisticated and ultra-feminine this season. Bright colors such as fuchsia,

turquoise, orange and lime green are popular, as are thong sandals with kitten heels. For men, the urban Euro look is in style this season. The NEX carries a large selection of shoes for both men and women from high-end to more affordable brands.

Members of the military community were offered a special incentive to purchase the new spring clothing. Customers attending the fashion show received a coupon for \$5 to \$25 off merchandise in the exchange's men's, ladies', children's and shoe departments. In addition to the fashions displayed at the show, the NEX carries a wide variety of colors, sizes and styles at different price points.

Customers crowded around the runway to see the new clothing and were eager to start shopping. "I liked the men's styles for my husband,"

said April Randolph, a customer who dropped by to see the fashion show. "The children's clothes were great, too."

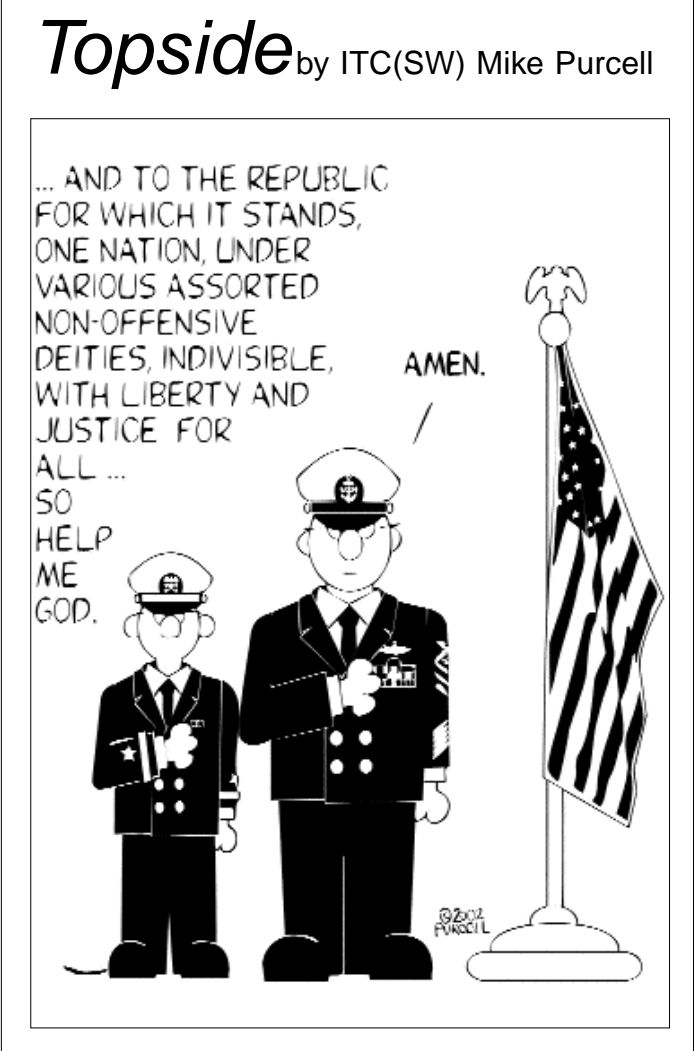
The models were also impressed with the clothing selection. "The aloha wear is very nice. This season's clothes have a little bit more color," said Brian Nishihara, a volunteer model from the NEX shoe department.

Ten-year old Phillip Kelsey modeled a shirt with racing stripes and liked what he was wearing. "My mom's buying it right now," he said.

The NEX hopes to produce more shows for the military community in the future. "We want to do more for our customers," said Janine Fox, fashion show coordinator and NEX children's department manager. "Our merchandise is so appealing; we want everyone to know this great clothing is here."



Photo by Tricia Conaty  
Jean Barroquillo models an all-linen ensemble in the season's hottest color, pink.



## Coast Guard Work-Life Center offers a helping hand

### Coast Guard District 14 Public Affairs

Besides having its "aloha" Fridays and being located on a tropical island famous for its leis and hula dancers, Integrated Support Command Honolulu also boasts the only Work-Life Center in the entire Coast Guard.

Responsible for the well-being and holistic health of more than 5,000 people throughout the central and western Pacific, the Work-Life Center also manages the affairs for the Coast Guard family in areas beyond the Hawaiian Islands. Places like Guam, Japan, American Samoa, Saipan and Singapore make up a large part of the Coast Guard's largest district. That equates to a ration of 685 to one in the eight-person Work-Life Center.

"Calculating the exact number of people we help is difficult," said Lt. Cmdr. Walt Wrznesiewski, supervisor of the D14 Work-Life Center. "All of our numbers are estimates at best. We are responsible for all active duty, reservists, civilian, auxiliary, retirees and their families. How do you keep tabs on all of them? It's impossible, yet we are here for all of them."

Whereas other commands have a work-life staff serving in an attached capacity, the Honolulu Work-Life Center has its own, separate building. The building was specifically designed for dealing with the unique issues that many work-life staffs face.

"Other work-life staffs operate as an integral

part of other buildings within their integrated support command or the headquarter support command," said Capt. Daniel Riehm, chief in the office of work-life programs.

The Work-Life Center was the vision of two people, retired Capt. Carl Crown, commanding officer of ISC Honolulu, and retired Capt. Tim Flanagan, the commandant's work-life division chief. When other work-life staffs were being established throughout the Coast Guard in the early '90s, these two captains wanted to see what would happen if the Coast Guard created something related to a Navy Family Services Center. The naval centers are constructed independently from other units. The result was a discreet building that is set apart from the stress of everyday life. This was quite a move from the trailers on Red Hill where the Coast Guard work-life used to operate.

With the building located in housing and the Coast Guard base located in Honolulu, this provided little access to the active duty members. "The reason work-life exists is for the Coast Guard active duty community," said Crown. Having a separate building provides a sense of peace for the members.

"It offers more privacy," said Wrznesiewski. "People are more likely to seek services if they feel like their privacy will be respected." Wrznesiewski feels that more privacy means that people can also feel comfortable having more intense conversations.

"We are all subject to fall prey to stress," said Mary Mansfield, family resource specialist for the Work-Life Center. "It doesn't matter whether you are a fireman or an admiral."

Although the center is there to help people, it is not there to solve their problems.

"We are really all about prevention," said Owen Norton, family advocacy specialist for the Work-Life Center. Through research and education, there has been a noticeable decline in neglect and violence.

A big part of helping people is centered on getting them to help themselves. Many times, people just need a place to start. "We are a link in the chain," said Mansfield. "We can't solve the problem, but we can provide them with the tools to solve it themselves. We try to lay a foundation for them to build on."

Having space to comfortably deal with issues helps, but so does the expertise of the staff. Each person is cross-trained on the other's skills. "You wear many hats here," said Norton. "You never know when someone is going to walk in needing something and the person they need is on another island for training."

A small family with a big mission, the people at work-life strive daily to keep Coast Guardsmen healthy, happy and working. "We're all about mission readiness," said Wrznesiewski. "We want people to show up for work clear-headed and focused on their jobs."

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